

**Task Force Summary Document
National Initiatives Standing Subcommittee
July 17, 2008 Meeting**

EMT Level Changes Task Force Report

After much discussion and due to the large turnout, the subject of EMT levels was revisited. It was decided by a majority vote at the meeting to support all 4 levels that are being recommended by the NREMT:

1. First Responder
2. EMT
3. Advanced EMT
4. Paramedic

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21. Since I will be on vacation on that date, Gene McDaniel CEP has agreed to chair the EMT levels subcommittee meeting in my place.

John Gallagher MD

Education Curricula Task Force Report

Brief reviews of the previous minutes were discussed with the people in attendance. The session was then opened up for any further comments.

Comments on Curricula

- The curricula that is written should be more structured than what is currently in rule and should reference the scope of practice guidance document, possibly more detailed to include enrichment modules.
- The books that will be published following the Final National Education Standards Document may cover the material allowing for minimal curricula writing and also contain enrichment modules.
- Will there be minimum hours listed in curricula as there have been in previous curricula? The idea of more autonomy of training for the training programs was reiterated. This would enable the training programs the opportunity to more specifically meet the needs and adapt curricula for the areas of the state or the individuals being instructed.
- Would curriculum be different or the same for the accredited track vs. the non accredited track since the testing process would be different?

Comments on Instructional Strategies

- Current Rules Lax. No current Benchmarks for Internship Process
- Is it broken?
- Is the problem with the Training Programs or with the Instructor Guidelines as they are currently written in rule?
- Who will pay for the Instructors Preparation would that be a cost to the student or the Program?
- After the meeting one program coordinator asked me to look into 1 live intubation being necessary prior to completion of the program.
- I have received no further emails from any of the other participants.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janine Anderson

Paramedic Training Program Accreditation Task Force Report

On Thursday, July 17th, 2008, the second meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee, Accreditation Group was hosted by ADHS. Chief Ruiz of the Phoenix Fire Department facilitated the meeting. Because of the number of people attending the meeting the room location had to be moved to a larger room. There were 80+ people attending this meeting, which was three times the number from the first meeting.

Chief Ruiz started the meeting by recapitulating the previous meeting and the assignment for this meeting, which was to discuss the pros and cons of CoAEMSP. There were two factions of thoughts in the room represented. One that listed pros of CoAEMSP, not offering cons of CoAEMSP. The other group offered cons to CoAEMSP, not offering pros for CoAEMSP.

pros for CoAEMSP ranged from Standardization, Respect in Allied Health Field, to Paramedics having the ability to work anywhere nationally.

cons ranged from CoAEMSP working for CAAHEP, who is the actual accrediting body; RNEMT working for CoAEMSP, all three private 501c3 non-government regulated groups; cost to all three groups and unknown requirement. Twelve (12) States are accredited.

Chief Ruiz asked the attendees if there was a middle ground, perhaps a two track system. One track being a State Certification or Accreditation, the other track being the CoAEMSP process. Both tracks would be regulated by the State of Arizona. Regardless of the process, State Statue and Rules will have to be changed. It would then make sense that a two track system would give a choice to both groups being represented in the room. It would also allow for groups within the

State to move from one track to the other without having to change State Statute and Rules in the future.

Chief Ruiz asked the attendees by show of hands, who would like to see solely a CoAEMSP process? About 3 or 4 members in the group raised their hands. Chief Ruiz asked: Who would like to see solely a State Certification process? About equal number of hands went up, 3 or 4 people in the group. Chief Ruiz then asked: Who would like to see a two track process? Almost the whole room raised their hands.

The meeting was concluded by asking the attendees to email Chief Ruiz (bobby.a.ruiz@phoenix.gov) their pros and cons list in order to capture them in a document.